

# Wilderness bill would give Utah 235,000 acres

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WASHINGTON — In an early showdown for the new Congress, senators are considering setting aside more than 2 million acres in nine states as wilderness.

The largest expansion of wilderness protection in 25 years would include California's Sierra Nevada mountain range, Oregon's Mount Hood, Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado and parts of the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia.

Utah would get 235,000 acres of wilderness in and around Zion National Park and several land swaps:

► Park City would take ownership of 108.5 acres of surplus federal land inside the town that it plans to leave undeveloped, said Alyson Heyrend, a spokeswoman for Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah.

► The Turnabout Ranch, a Christian boarding school in Escalante, would be allowed to buy 25 acres of former state land that because of a surveying error was placed inside the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, she said.

► Bountiful would exchange 1,600 acres of city land inside a national forest for the federal acreage closer to the city used by a gun club, the Deseret News has reported.

► Brian Head ski area would

trade 120 acres of flat land to the Boy Scouts' Camp Thunder Ridge for 120 acres of steeper land more suitable for skiing.

"It allows the Boy Scouts to have a better camping area," said John Kirkham, president of the scouts' Great Salt Lake Council and a lawyer whose firm, Stael Rives, represents Brian Head resort. The land swap involves the scouts' Utah National Parks Council.

The omnibus Senate bill, a holdover from last year, has bipartisan support. Yet it is causing friction that threatens to spoil pledges by Senate leaders to work cooperatively as a new administration takes office.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., has pledged to filibuster. He says the spending in the bill is excessive — nearly \$4 billion over five years — and that the measure calls for removing millions of acres of federal property from oil and gas development.

Coburn's objections scuttled the bill last year and have riled Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. Reid sought to force a rare Sunday vote in an apparent effort to punish Coburn and antagonize his GOP colleagues. The scheduled session would try to limit GOP stalling tactics and move the bill forward.

Reid "runs the Senate like a kindergarten. If we don't fol-

low his instructions, he keeps the whole class after school," said Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., one of several Republicans who might skip the Sunday session, said, "I'm puzzled that Senator Reid would start the year off with a Sunday vote." If he did show up, Alexander said he probably would vote against moving ahead with the bill, to protest the GOP's inability to make changes in the legislation.

A spokeswoman for Reid, Regan Lachapelle, denied that he was punishing anyone, but merely following through on a pledge to move as quickly as possible to consider a bill left over from last year. At least

three senators canceled plans to travel with Vice President-elect Joe Biden to Asia because of the expected vote on the lands bill.

"This is an important piece of legislation to protect wilderness areas and our oceans, and Senator Reid has been working to pass this package of bipartisan legislation," Lachapelle said.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said the bill represents years of work by lawmakers from many states and both parties. The legislation combines about 160 bills covering nearly every state.

## CAMPUS NOTES

### Brigham Young University

**MLK DAY EVENT** — Martin Luther King Day of Service, an event sponsored by UVU Service Learning and BYU, will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 19 in the Wilkinson Center.

**CES FIRESIDE** — LDS Church President Thomas S. Monson will speak at the Marriott center at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

**DEVOTIONAL** — Elder Jeffrey R. Holland will speak at 11:05 a.m. on Tuesday in the Marriott Center.

**COMPETITION** — The Young Artists of Voice competition will feature top talent from Brigham Young University's School of Music. Preliminary and semifinal rounds will be held Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Each is free and no tickets are required. The final round and awards presentation will take place Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Tickets are required for the final round and may be purchased for \$6 online at [byuarts.com](http://byuarts.com), by phone at (801) 422-4322 or in person at the Harris Fine Arts Center Ticket Office.

**LECTURE** — David Nevin, adjunct professor of trial practice at the University of Idaho College of Law, will present "The Rule of Law in a Time of Terror" at noon on Wednesday in 238 Herald R. Clark Building. For more information, visit [kenedy.byu.edu](http://kenedy.byu.edu).

**PERFORMANCE** — Come enjoy an eve-

ning of great acoustic music at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Varsity Theatre. Admission is free. If you are interested in performing at an upcoming show, submit a demo to the Student Activities Board in 3371 WSC. For more info on upcoming shows, check <http://stab.byu.edu>

**OPEN HOUSE** — Women's Services and Resources will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday in 3326 Wilkinson Student Center. All are invited to attend. Come and find out what our office has to offer plus free donuts and hot chocolate. For more information, visit [wsr.byu.edu](http://wsr.byu.edu).

**LECTURE** — Cynthia Finlayson from the anthropology department will present "Women, Status and the Ethnographic Textiles of Syria" at noon on Thursday in 4188 Joseph F. Smith Building. All are invited to attend.

**LECTURE** — Paul Warnick, associate professor of Asian and Near Eastern language, will present "Language as Cultural Behavior: Context, Culture and Communication" at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Harold B. Lee Library Auditorium.

**WORKSHOP** — A free workshop with the performers of Bunraku Bay Puppet Troupe will be at 3 p.m. on Friday in the Pardoe Theatre. For more information, click here, or visit [bunraku.org](http://bunraku.org).

**SHOW** — Bunraku Bay Puppet Troupe will perform ancient Japanese puppetry Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pardoe Theatre. Tickets are \$11, or \$6 with a BYU or student ID, and may be purchased online at [www.byuarts.com](http://www.byuarts.com), by phone at (801) 422-4322 or in person at the Harris Fine Arts Center Ticket Office.

**PERFORMANCE** — The Utah Symphony Chamber Orchestra will perform at 7:30

p.m. Friday in the Madsen Recital Hall.

### Utah Valley University

#### UVU production in regional competition

Utah Valley University's Department of Theatrical Arts in the School of the Arts is heading to Los Angeles in February as a regional finalist for the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

The department's production of "Nosferatu," a mixed-media recreation of the 1922 German vampire film of the same name, was one of only seven plays selected from more than 500 entries. "Nosferatu" combines live action with scenes from the original silent movie directed by F. W. Murnau in front of live cameras. These shots are interspersed with shots from the actual film, creating a seamless transition between stage and screen that spans over 80 years. The project involves more than 40 students working on stage and off. Many of the actors pull double duty as dressers, electrical gaffers and set technicians.

The festival will be held in Fullerton, Calif. the second week of February. The students perform the play twice, and will be adjudicated by national representatives for a possible invitation to perform in Washington, D.C., at the Kennedy Center.

Utah audiences will have a chance to see the show before it heads to California. "Nosferatu" will be performed during the first week of February in the Ragan Theater on the UVU Orem campus. For tickets and show times contact Campus Connection at (801) 863-8797.

**COMMEMORATION** — Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration will be held at UVU on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This year's primary focus is Utah Civil Rights, with proposals able to expand into related Civil Rights issues.

#### WEDNESDAY:

- Civil Rights: Dance Performances — 9:30-11 a.m., Room PE 152.
- From King to Obama: Civil Rights and the Media in Perspective — Kenneth Campbell, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of South Carolina, 10 a.m., Lecture Hall in the new library, Li 120.
- Voices of Conscience in Time of War — Rocky Anderson, director High Road for Human Rights and former Salt Lake City Mayor, 11 a.m., Li 120.
- Civil Rights and the Role of Media Panel — 1 p.m., Li 120
- The Art of Political Cartooning — Pat Bagley, political cartoonist at the Salt Lake Tribune, 2 p.m., Li 120
- Book discussion, "A Life is More than a Moment: The Desegregation of Little Rock's Central High" — 3 p.m., Li 120
- UVU Arts performances, exhibit, reception — 7 p.m.

- Thursday:
- "Nobody Knows" film showing — 8:30 a.m., Li 120
  - The Priesthood: A Long Wait — 10 a.m., Li 120
  - Mission Impossible, Holding Fast to the Dream — Rev. France Davis, civil rights activist and pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, 11:30 a.m., Li 120
  - Film showing and discussion, "The Wisdom of Our Years" — 1 p.m., Li 120
  - History of Utah Jazz — 2:30 p.m., Li 120
  - Finding Voice: The Music of Utah Battered Women — 7 p.m., Centre Stage

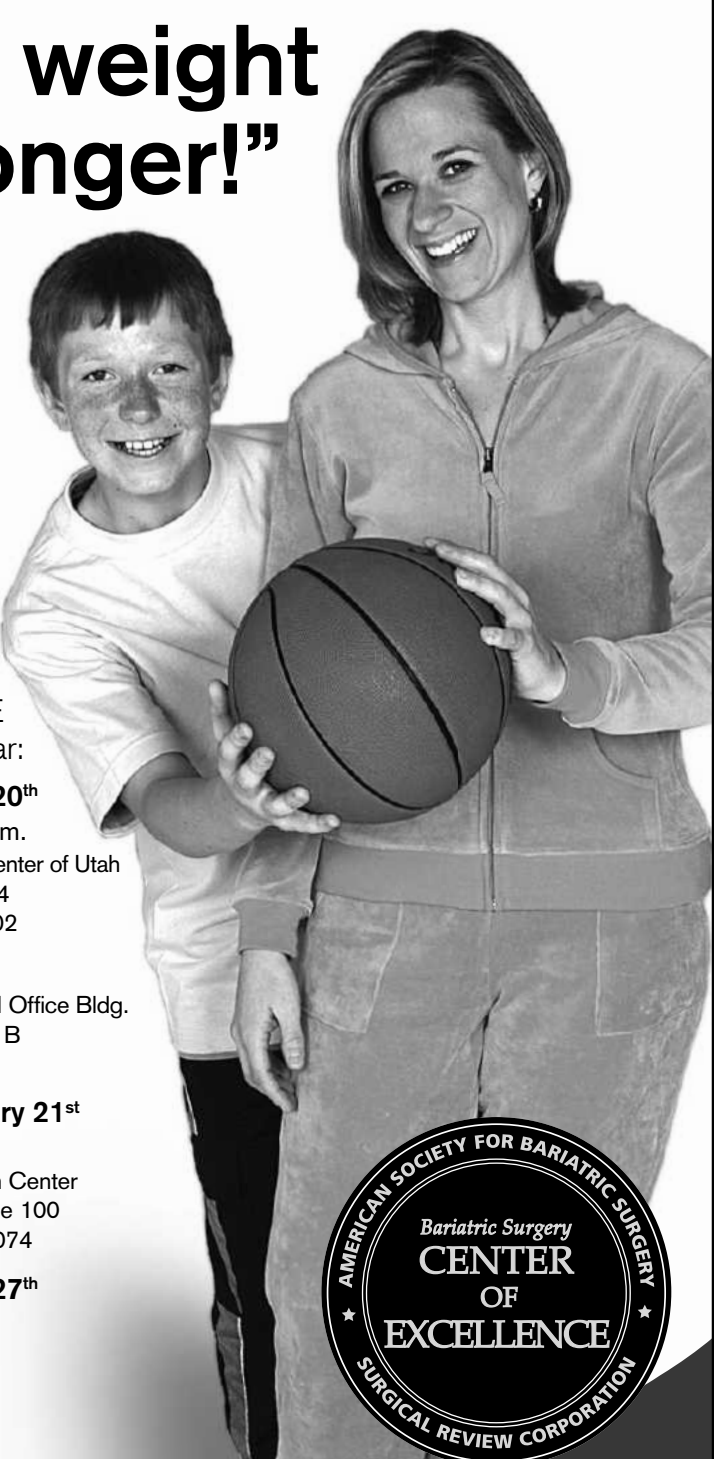
- Friday:
- Student Civil Rights Papers — 9 a.m., Li 120
  - King's Civil Rights Legacy in 2009: War and Peace, Gay and Straight — Jeff Key, writer, actor, and activist from Salt Lake City, 10 a.m., Li 120
  - Turning American Law Into Samaritan Justice — David Dominguez, professor of law, BYU, 11 a.m., Li 120
  - NAACP: 100 Years of Triumphs and Tribulations — Jeanetta Williams, president of Salt Lake Branch of NAACP, 1 p.m., Li 120
  - Oppression and Civil Rights of the Deaf Minority panel — 2 p.m., Li 120
  - Black Magic — Poetry and music by Alex Caldiero, 2:30 p.m., Li 120

All events are free and open to the public. Event, speaker, and parking information is available [www.uvu.edu/hass/mlk](http://www.uvu.edu/hass/mlk). For questions and further information please contact Kathy French, 863-8892 or [frenchka@uvu.edu](mailto:frenchka@uvu.edu) for additional information.

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**Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
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